



House of Representatives

General Assembly

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House Bill No. 6983

House of Representatives, April 8, 2015

The Committee on Energy and Technology reported through REP. REED of the 102nd Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the House, that the bill ought to pass.

AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS AND VIRTUAL NET METERING.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (3) of subsection (a) of section 16-244u of the
2 general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu
3 thereof (*Effective July 1, 2015*):

4 (3) "Agricultural customer host" means an in-state retail end user of
5 an electric distribution company that uses electricity for the purpose of
6 agriculture, as defined in subsection (q) of section 1-1, owns, leases or
7 enters into a long-term contract for an agricultural virtual net metering
8 facility and participates in agricultural virtual net metering;

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>July 1, 2015</i>	16-244u(a)(3)
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ET *Joint Favorable*

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OFA Fiscal Note***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None***Explanation***

The bill, which allows agricultural customers to lease or enter into long-term contracts for an agricultural virtual net metering facility, has no fiscal impact.

The Out Years***State Impact:*** None***Municipal Impact:*** None

OLR Bill Analysis**HB 6983*****AN ACT CONCERNING AGRICULTURAL CUSTOMERS AND VIRTUAL NET METERING.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill broadens eligibility for virtual net metering by allowing agricultural customers that lease or have a long-term contract for an agricultural virtual net metering facility to participate. Current law limits participation to agricultural customers who own such a system.

The law allows virtual net metering for municipal, state agency, and agricultural electric customers with net metering facilities (renewable or clean energy systems that meet certain requirements). In general, virtual net metering allows these customers to (1) receive a billing credit for excess power they generate (i.e., “run their meters backward”) and (2) share their excess credits with certain other designated electric accounts (i.e., also run other meters backward).

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2015

COMMITTEE ACTION

Energy and Technology Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 23 Nay 0 (03/24/2015)